



## Idaho State Department of Education

Bureau of Special Populations Services

Special Education

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 1, 2005

**TO:** Special Education Directors, School District Superintendents, and Business Managers

**FROM:** Lester Wyer, Grants/Contracts Officer

**SUBJECT:** District Application for 2005-2006 Exceptional Child Tuition Equivalency Funds

Under the provisions of Idaho Code §33-1004B.2, your district may be eligible for Exceptional Child Tuition Equivalency funds. Students with severe disabilities residing in treatment facilities and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR), as well as students placed in licensed personal care services or specialized foster care homes, are eligible for this special education allowance if the student's parents are not district patrons. A partial list of facilities in which students may reside is included with the enclosed application. In order to claim the allowance for a student, each of the following must be true:

1. The district must be educating the student and must report the student on its December 1, 2005 Child Count.
2. The IEP must specify three or more hours per day of special education and related services.
3. The student must be residing in a licensed facility or home on December 1, 2005.
4. The student's parents must not reside in the school district.

The allowance is equal to the district's 2004-05 certified local annual tuition rate per student plus an excess cost rate that is annually determined. The excess cost rate represents the statewide per pupil average amount of state and local funds expended to educate special education students over and above the amount of state and local funds expended to educate all students. The excess cost rate for 2004-05 is estimated at \$5,393. The district's 2004-05 Certified Tuition rate was made available by Public School Finance in May of 2005.

The district must provide the information for each student eligible for the allowance and complete the certification section on the enclosed application. If no students are eligible for the Exceptional Child Tuition Equivalency allowance, you do not need to submit the form. Submit completed applications no later than **January 10, 2006** to:

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